

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST
Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel

South-Central California Area Office

December 17, 2009

Background: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is an economic stimulus package, worth up to \$787 billion, which was signed into law on February 17, 2009 for the purpose of stimulating the United States economy during a significant economic downturn. The Department of the Interior has been tasked with managing \$3 billion in investments as part of ARRA in order to jumpstart the economy, create or save jobs, and address long-neglected challenges. Of the \$3 billion, \$1 billion will be invested in water infrastructure across the United States by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Out of the \$1 billion, \$260 million will go to projects in California that will expand water supplies, repair aging water infrastructure, and mitigate the effects of a devastating drought the state is currently experiencing. An additional \$135 million is available for ARRA-funded grants for water reuse and recycling projects (U.S. Department of the Interior 2009). Through Reclamation's Water Marketing and Efficiency Challenge grant program (Challenge grant), Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding for projects approved under the grant, some of which are ARRA-funded.

The County of Santa Barbara Parks Department (Parks), on behalf of Reclamation, administers the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area located on the Santa Ynez River approximately 25 miles northwest of Santa Barbara, California (Figure 1). The Mohawk Campground restroom building, located in the southeastern portion of the Cachuma Lake Recreation Area, was built circa 1964, and is now 45 years old (Figure 2). As a result, the restroom facilities are non-compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the original fixtures and cast iron piping are aging and approaching the typical end of their useful life. Parks filed a Notice of Exemption with the Santa Barbara County Clerk on May 23, 2009 for their Cachuma Lake Mohawk Camping Area ADA upgrades.

Subsequently, Parks has applied for an ARRA-funded Challenge grant and a non-ARRA-funded Challenge grant for their proposed Mohawk Campground Remodel project (Restroom Remodel).

Proposed Action: Reclamation proposes to award an ARRA-funded Challenge grant and a non-ARRA-funded Challenge grant for the Parks' Restroom remodel.

The Restroom remodel would rectify the ADA-related shortcomings of the original facility, as well as replace the aging piping and plumbing fixtures with equivalent new items. The existing pair of showers in each restroom (men's and women's) would be replaced with a new handicapped (HC) toilet stall (Figure 3). An approximately 236 square foot addition would be made on the eastern end of the building to accommodate five new showers which would take the place of the four displaced original showers and add one handicapped shower. The new construction would also upgrade the structure to current seismic standards, which have also greatly changed since the date of construction of the original structure.

Specific Proposed Action activities would include:

- Creation of a new HC parking space within an existing paved area. Approximately 4.75 cubic yards would be cut from existing sidewalk and footings and 5.5 cubic yards of fill would be used to create the new space for a net fill of 0.75 cubic yards.
- Relocation of four boulders to the downslope side of the new HC parking space for slope retention (Figure 4). Backfill of ¾-inch to 1 ½-inch rock would be placed between boulders.
- Possible removal of one 8-inch diameter oak tree if tree ends up being too close to new construction (Figure 4).
- Existing paved area would be repaved with 2-inch thick asphalt over 6-inch crushed road base. Crushed road base would be placed flush to new paving and would extend out 12-inches beyond edge of paving.
- Trenching for water supply, gas supply, and waste drain lines and site drainage.
- Demolition of shower and toilet facilities including partial walls (Figure 5). Some materials will be salvaged and reused, others will be removed from site for disposal.
- Construction of a new 236 square-foot addition off the eastern side of the existing facility (Figure 6). Paving of 4-inch thick concrete would extend out 4 feet to surround the new addition. The outer edges of the concrete walkway would be 8-inches thick (Figure 7). Approximately 12 cubic yards of concrete would be used for concrete footing and slabs.
- Footings for new shower walls would be placed 12-inches deep (Figure 8).

Staging would occur within existing paved areas. No new utilities would be added for the Proposed Action. Removed earth from the trenching around the existing footings would be used to fill under the new HC parking space.

Purpose of Action: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to upgrade the existing shower and restroom facility in order to be ADA compliant and to meet current seismic standards.

Exclusion Category: 516 DM 14.5 D (1). Maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing facilities which may involve a minor change in size, location, and/or operation.



Figure 1. Proposed Action Location



Figure 2. Eastern side of the existing restroom and shower facility at Mohawk Campground.



Figure 3. Location of new Handicapped Parking stall.

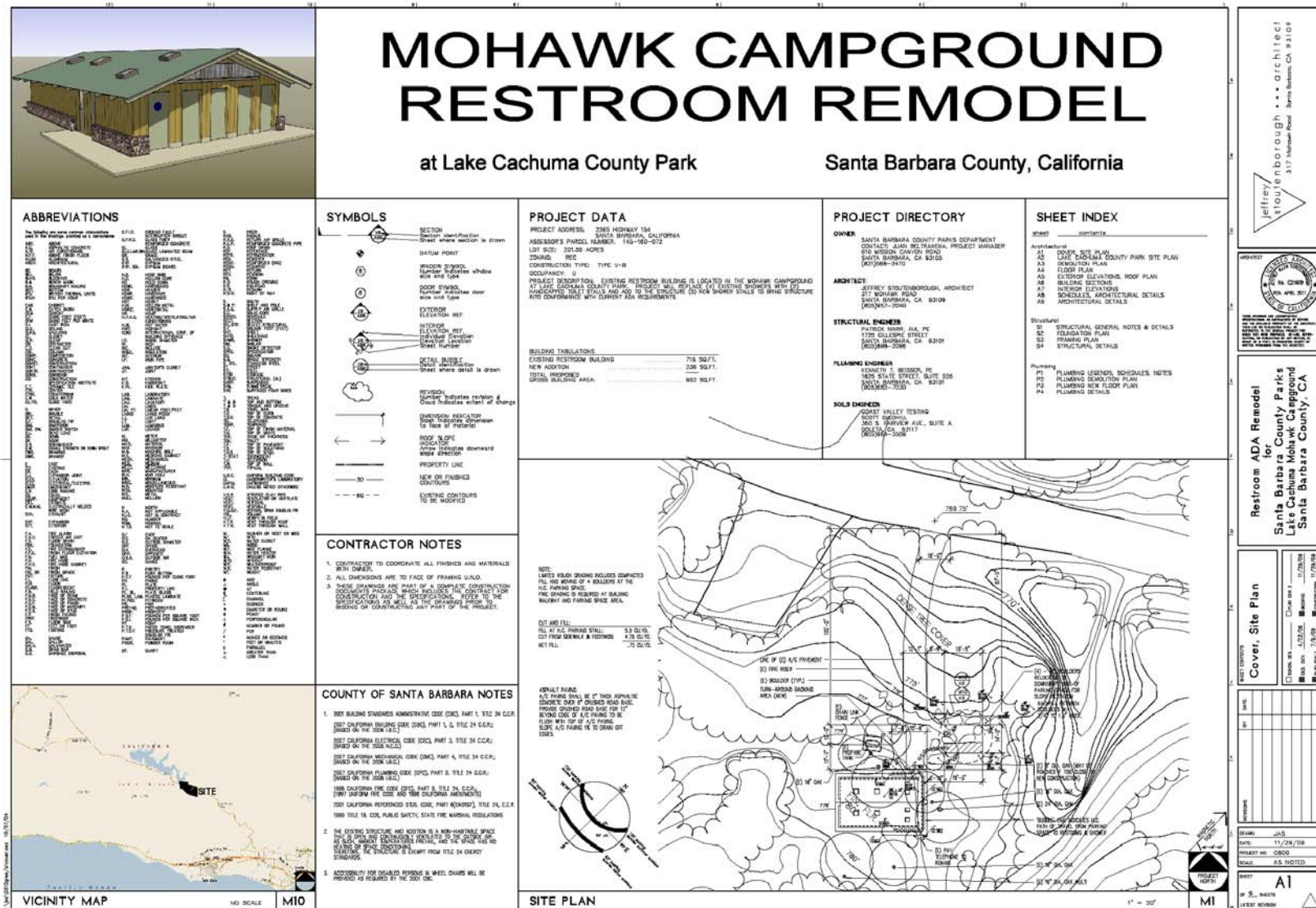


Figure 4. Mohawk Restroom Remodel Site Plan

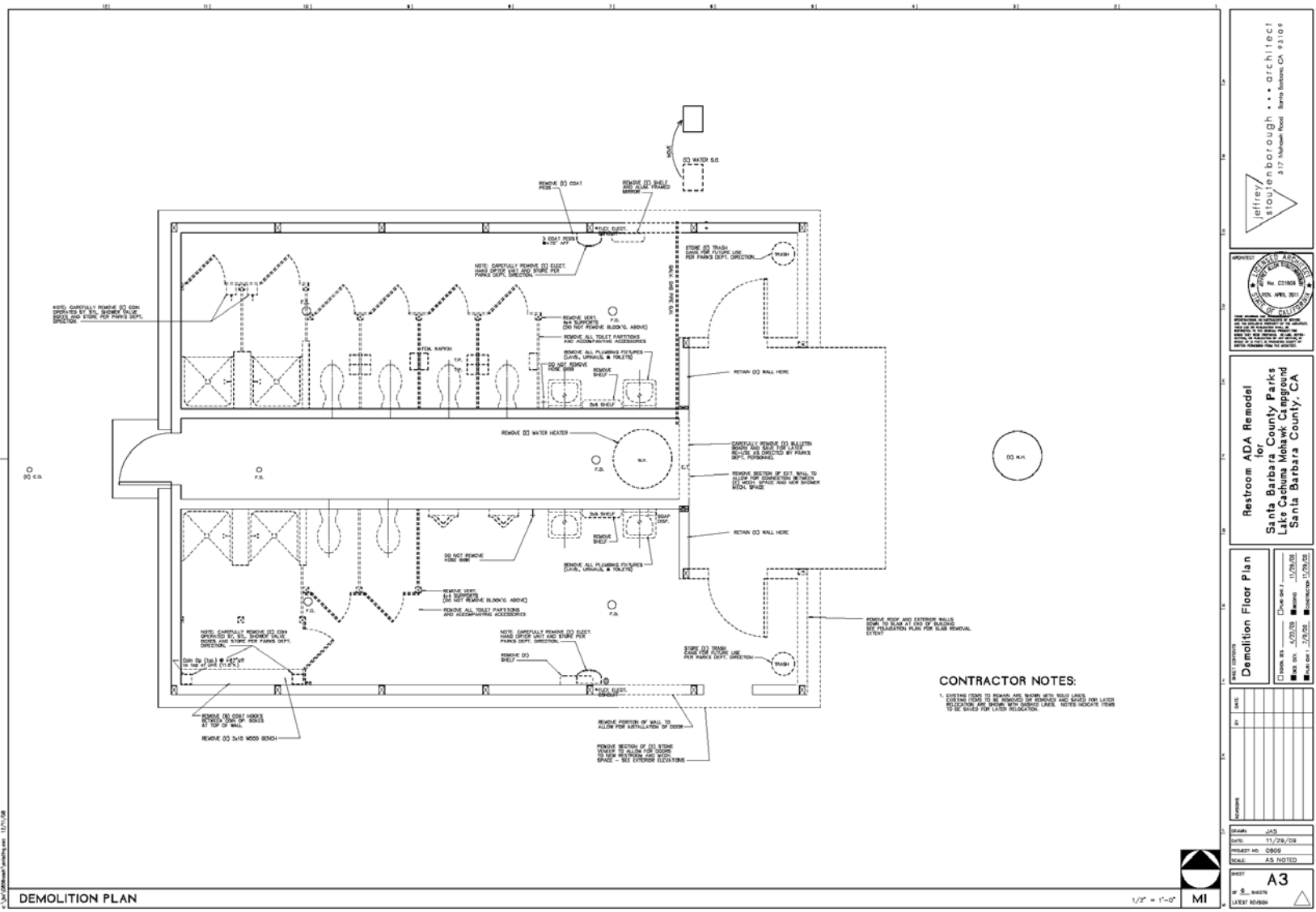
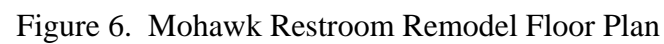


Figure 5. Mohawk Restroom Remodel Demolition Plan



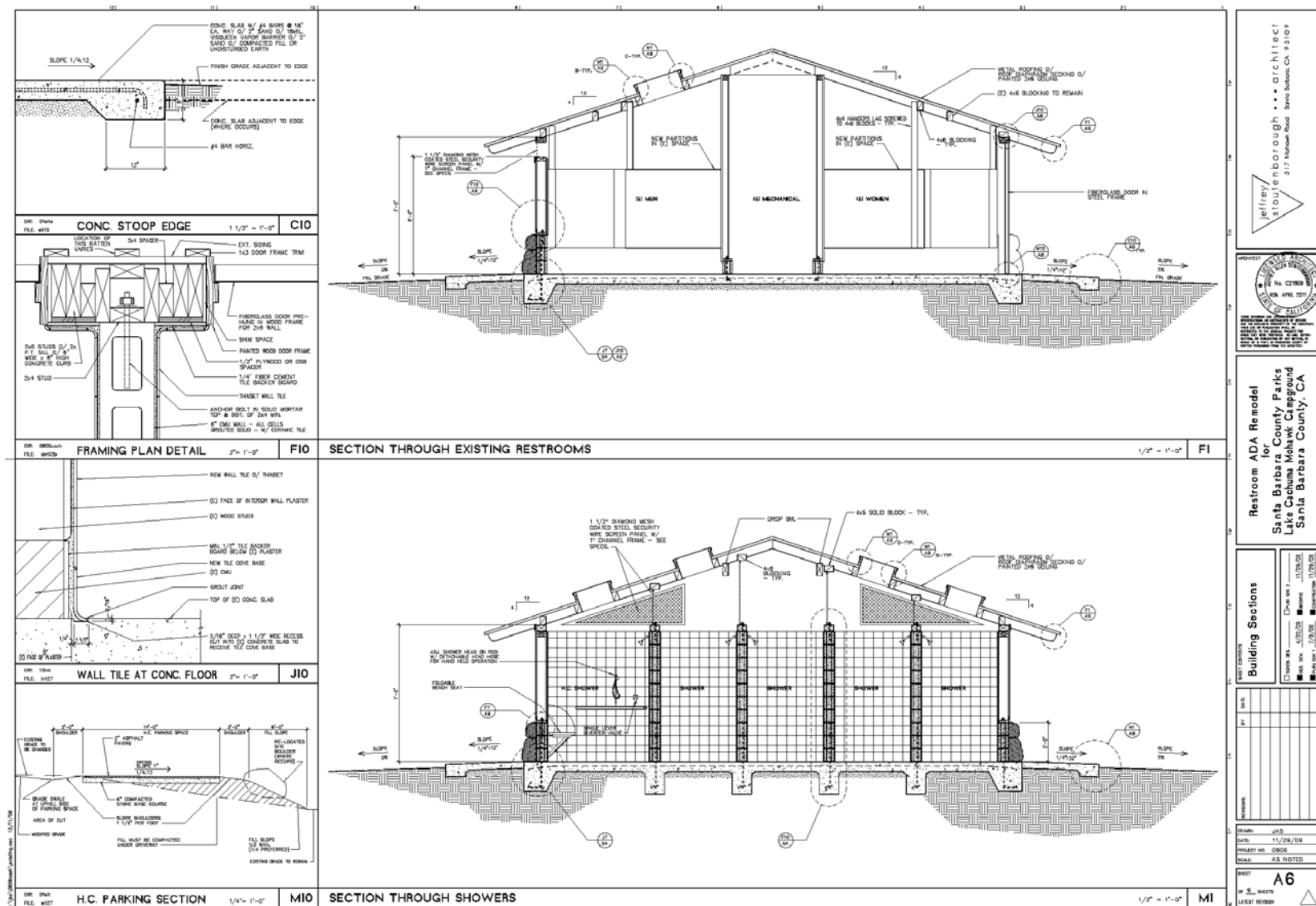


Figure 7. Mohawk Restroom Building Sections Plan



Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

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| 1. This action or group of actions would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 2. This action or group of actions would involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |

Evaluation of Exemptions to Actions within Categorical Exclusion

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| 1. This action would have significant adverse effects on public health or safety. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 2. This action would have an adverse effect on unique geological features such as wetlands, wild or scenic rivers, refuges, flood plains, rivers placed on the nationwide river inventory, or prime or unique farmlands. (Same as 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, Part 2.2). | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 3. This action will have highly controversial environmental effects. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 4. This action will have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 6. This action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulative significant environmental effects. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |

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| 7. This action will affect properties listed or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historical Places. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 8. This action will adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 9. This action threatens to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 10. This action will affect Indian Trust Assets. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |
| 11. This action will disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations. | No <u>X</u> | Uncertain ____ | Yes |

NEPA Action: Categorical Exclusion X EA ____ EIS ____

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

☒ Yes ☐ No Environmental commitments are required and attached.

- ☐ San Joaquin Kit Fox Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- ☐ Giant Garter Snake Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- ☐ California Tiger Salamander Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- ☐ California Red-Legged Frog Avoidance and Minimization Measures

☒ Other: Local permit required for Oak tree removal, if necessary. Bird nest surveys by qualified biologist required if construction is to take place between February and September. See attached ESA determination.

Air Quality

Contractors are required to meet local, state, and federal air quality standards and obtain air emission permits if necessary.

Prepared by:

Rain Healer

Date: February 25, 2010

South-Central California Area Office

Regional Archeologist concurrence with Item 7:
See attachment.

ITA Designee concurrence with Item 10:
See attachment.



Concur:

 Date: 02/25/2010
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, South-Central California Area Office

Concur:

 Date: 02/25/2010
 Wildlife Biologist, South-Central California Area Office

Concur:

 Date: 02/25/2010
 Chief, Resources Management Division, South-Central California Area Office

Approved:

 Date: 02/25/2010
 Deputy Area Manager, South-Central California Area Office

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South-Central California Area Office

December 28, 2009
 revised 03/22/2010

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Proposed Action: Reclamation proposes to award an ARRA-funded Challenge grant and a non-ARRA-funded Challenge grant for the Parks' Cachuma Lake Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel project (Restroom remodel). The grant funding would support remodeling and upgrading facilities at Mohawk Campground to meet ADA compliance and current seismic standards.

The existing pair of showers in each restroom (men's and women's) would be replaced with a new handicapped toilet stall. An approximately 236 square foot addition would be made on the eastern end of the building to accommodate five new showers which would take the place of the four displaced original showers and add one handicapped shower. The new construction would also upgrade the structure to current seismic standards, which have also greatly changed since the date of construction of the original structure.

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Project Effects under the Endangered Species Act:

The project is located in an unsurveyed section within ½ mile north of Section 32, Township 6N, Range 29W, SBM. The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB 2010) was searched for records of proposed or listed species and their critical habitat protected under the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1532 et. seq.) (See Figure 1).

No critical habitat for listed species is located in the project area and none would be affected by the project.

Records for listed species, including the endangered Least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*; LBV), threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*; CRLF), endangered Southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*; SCS) and the endangered tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*; TWG) were located in the vicinity. The closes record was for SCS, which was approximately 1.5 miles away. Records for LBV and CRLF are at least 5 miles distant and for TWG the nearest record is at least 7 miles away.

SCS require cool water (flowing) and places to rest and hide from predators (NMFS 2005). No habitat for this species is in the project area or would be affected by the proposed action.

Habitat for LBV includes riparian habitat with a shrub layer and canopy trees with associated upland (USFWS 1994). Riparian habitat is lacking in the project area and habitat for this species would not be affected.

Habitat for CRLF includes low gradient freshwater bodies, including natural and manmade (e.g. stock ponds), backwaters within streams and creeks, marshes, lagoons, and dune ponds (USFWS 2006). It does not include deep lacustrine water habitat (e.g. deep lakes and reservoirs 50 acres (20 hectares) or larger in size (USFWS 2006). Upland areas within 200 feet (60 meters) of these areas may also be used (USFWS 2006). Dispersal further than two miles among aquatic habitats may occur during breeding.

Figure 1. Project location and nearby California Natural Diversity Database records for species and habitat protected under the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1532 et seq.).

Location of Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel (CE -09-176) Project and Nearby Records for Listed Species, Santa Barbara County, California



Aquatic habitats that could support CRLF are not present in the project area and would not be affected by the project. The 236 square foot structure extension adjacent to the existing building and facility access improvements would convert uplands that are far from sites occupied by CRLF and this conversion of currently disturbed land around the facility would not affect CRLF.

TWG is a small fish that inhabits discrete locations with brackish water along the California coast (USFWS 2007). No suitable habitat for this species is in the project area or would be affected by the proposed action.

Effects to Migratory Birds:

Migratory birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC Sect 703-712). No action may be conducted that would result in take of migratory birds. Oak trees are important nesting sites for birds and some counties or local authorities require permits for the removal of oak trees (*Quercus* spp.) If the oak tree near the facility must be removed, a local permit must be obtained if so required. Additionally, the oak tree at the construction site, and other trees may not be removed if they harbor an active bird nest. An active nest is one that contains at least one egg or nestling. If removal of a tree is required between February and September, a survey for the presence of active bird nests must be conducted by a biologist. If the tree(s) in question are so occupied, removal of the tree(s) is precluded until the nesting birds have fledged their young, in order to preclude take of a migratory bird.

References Cited

- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) 2010. California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife and Habitat Data Analysis Branch. Sacramento, CA.
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). 2005. Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for Seven Evolutionarily Significant Units of Pacific Salmon and Steelhead in California. Final Rule. Federal Register 70(170):52488-52627.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). 1994. Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designated Critical Habitat for the Least Bell's Vireo; Final Rule. Federal Register 59(22):4845-4867.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). 2006. Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designated Critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog, and Special Rule Exemption Associated with Final Listing for Existing Routine Ranching Activities; Final Rule. Federal Register 71(71):19243-19292.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). 2007. Tidewater Goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) 5-Year Review: Summary and Evaluation. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, CA. 50pp.

Healer, Rain L

From: Bruce, Brandee E
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:37 PM
To: Healer, Rain L
Cc: Leigh, Anastasia T; Nickels, Adam M; Overly, Stephen A; Barnes, Amy J; Ramsey, Dawn; Goodsell, Joanne E
Subject: CR_Resp 10-SCAO-086
Attachments: 10-SCAO-086_CASHPO_Concurrence.pdf

Tracking No. 10-SCAO-086

Project Name: Lake Cachuma Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel, Cachuma Project, Santa Barbara County, California

Location: Tequepis Land Grant, T. 6 N., R. 29 W., Mount Diablo Meridian, as depicted on the Lake Cachuma 7.5' United States Geological Survey topographic quadrangle map

Exclusion Category: 516 DM 14.5 D (1). Maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing facilities which may involve a minor change in size, location, and/or operation.

Rain,

The proposed action to remodel a restroom at Lake Cachuma Mohawk Campground was determined to be the type of action that has the potential to affect historic properties. As a result, Reclamation entered into consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on a finding of no historic properties affected pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

The proposed project will involve extension of the existing facility by 236 square feet, which will house the new showers, and some internal building modifications that will include the demolition of existing shower stalls and toilets. Additional construction activities include the creation of a new handicapped parking space near the restroom facility, the relocation of four boulders to the downslope side of the new handicapped parking space, and the installation of new pavement. All of the construction work will be contained within existing Reclamation right-of-way (ROW). Construction equipment will include a backhoe, dump truck, pick-up trucks, and a concrete truck.

One cultural resource was identified within the area of potential effects (APE): the restroom facility. The restroom was constructed in the 1964 and because it is not over 50 years of age, it does not meet the age consideration as a historic property pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 60.4. Additionally, under the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) criteria consideration "g", the restroom does not possess qualities that would make it eligible for listing on the National Register as exceptionally significant. Therefore, Reclamation determined that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed activities pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d)(1).

Reclamation entered into consultation with the tribal groups and SHPO as outlined in the 36 CFR Part 800 regulations describing the Section 106 process. The consultation package to SHPO was sent on January 15, 2010. On February 2, 2010, SHPO concurred with Reclamation's determinations. Reclamation received the SHPO consensus letter on February 5, 2010. Please find a copy of the letter attached for your convenience. However, due to the expedited nature of the consultation process to attempt to secure funding for the project using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, the time frames for tribal consultation and SHPO

consultation overlapped. Although SHPO concurred with Reclamation's determinations quickly, Reclamation could not conclude consultation until the tribe had sufficient time to respond to the consultation request.

Based on SHPO's concurrence with the undertaking, I am now able to concur with line 7 of CEC-09-176 dated December 17, 2009 and titled "Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel."

This concludes the Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please place a copy of this concurrence with the project file. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

BranDee

Healer, Rain L

From: Rivera, Patricia L
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2009 8:18 AM
To: Healer, Rain L
Subject: RE: CEC-09-186 Cachuma Lake Mohawk Campground

Rain,

The proposed action does not affect Indian Trust Assets.

Patricia

From: Healer, Rain L
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Rivera, Patricia L; Robbins, Eleanor J (Ellie); Williams, Mary D (Diane)
Subject: CEC-09-186 Cachuma Lake Mohawk Campground

Patricia,

I have attached CEC-09-176 Cachuma Lake Recreation Area Mohawk Campground Restroom Remodel for your review. This is an ARRA-funded project.

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From: Beltranena, Juan [jbeltranena@co.santa-barbara.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 11:48 AM
To: Healer, Rain L
Cc: Bruce, Brandee E; 'Bob Epperson'; Medeiros, Mitch
Subject: RE: Lake Cachuma Mohawk Restroom Remodel questions
Attachments: image002.jpg

Dear Rain,

I apologize for not responding yesterday, I just returned from Vacation. Let me address the questions you ask in order and then I'll go out and shoot some pictures so you can have the material asap. As to your questions:

1) Would it be possible to get additional photographs (panoramic and close-up) of the entire work area, especially the area where the addition to the structure and the handicapped parking space is to be installed. **Yes, we will take photos today and send you copies via e-mail. I will include an aerial from photomapper so you can have as much detail of the terrain as possible.**

2) In the photo that Jeffrey sent, it looks like the arrow is pointing to an area that is unpaved and sloped. Is this where the parking space is to be located?

The HC parking stall required by code will be built on the left side of the pathway shown (I don't see an arrow though, the whitish line overhead of the legend is the power line to the building).

3) Will there be excavation to level the area? If so, how much area will be disturbed? **This area will be mostly built up using the spoils from the excavation of the trenching for the shower stalls. The area disturbed generally will be in the order of a few inches deep (as we do not have to over excavate and recompact for the parking stall). Typically the parking stall will be 19' X 14'. The parking stall will mostly be built up using the spoils from the foundations. The pathway will be widened slightly at the HC parking location - currently the driveway is 16' wide all the way. In the new configuration, at the top of the driveway, where the HC is proposed, the last 31 feet of the driveway will be widened to 21' wide. There are 90 linear feet total of foundation excavation, 1' deep and 1'-2" wide - or about 95 cu. ft.**

4) Is the paved area in the photo a road or a pathway? **The paved area in the photo is a dual use driveway for service vehicles, but mostly used as a pedestrian pathway to the Bathrooms.**

5) Will there be additional trenching for the plumbing of the new showers? If so, what is the depth of the trenching? **There will be a minimal amount of trenching for the plumbing of the showers, the depth of the trenching is as required to hook up with the existing sewer main going from the existing WC to the sewer manhole. Please refer to the Sewer Riser Diagram on Sheet P-4. All the plumbing trenching will be contained within the building footprint, as the main is existing and we connect the new sewer drain from the showers to it.**

6) Would it be possible to get a photo of the area where the truck is parked in the photo Jeffrey sent? **I'm not sure I understand this last request for a photo with the truck. Do you want to see a truck parked in the driveway? Let me know what you need so I can make it happen.**

If you look again at the photo Jeffrey sent (below this note), on the right, behind the rocks, there is a propane tank (this driveway is used to fill the tank periodically), the HC parking will be to the left of the driveway shown.

I would also like to address further your question about watering down the site to prevent dust problems - Santa Barbara County has BMPs about this, written into the specifications front end, that require the contractor to palliate any dust generated during the construction activities as well as to implement all BMPs to minimize disturbance. In regards to the timing, the project is dependent on receiving the funding from this Grant. In terms of excavation, while methods and means are the exclusive purview of the contractor - whoever is selected will probably use a backhoe for about two days to do all the excavation. Again the specifications do require the contractor to use equipment that is tuned well and meets all the Air Quality requirements of SB County.

Thanks,

Juan

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From: Healer, Rain L [mailto:rhealer@usbr.gov]
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Cc: Bruce, Brandee E
Subject: RE: Lake Cachuma Mohawk Restroom Remodel questions

Juan,

I was wondering if it would be possible to get some additional clarification. Our Cultural Resources specialist needs to determine the area of potential effect for the project in order to determine whether or not they need to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer. Would it be possible to get additional photographs (panoramic and close-up) of the entire work area, especially the area where the addition to the structure and the handicapped parking space is to be installed. In the photo that Jeffrey sent, it looks like the arrow is pointing to an area that is unpaved and sloped. Is this where the parking space is to be located? Will there be excavation to level the area? If so, how much area will be disturbed. Is the paved area in the photo a road or a pathway? Will there be additional trenching for the plumbing of the new showers? If so, what is the depth of the trenching? Or will all trenching be contained within the existing footprint of the building? Would it be possible to get a photo of the area where the truck is parked in the photo Jeffrey sent? We are hoping to get this clarified soon in order to meet the ARRA deadlines. Your timely response would be greatly appreciated.

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From: Jeffrey Stoutenborough Architect [mailto:jsarchitect@me.com]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 2:21 PM
To: Healer, Rain L
Cc: Juan Beltranena
Subject: Re: Lake Cachuma Mohawk Restroom Remodel questions

Hi,

Please excuse my response time - I was injured on 12/15 and was not able to work for a couple weeks. I was directed by the project manager at Santa Barbara Parks to respond only in very brief terms and to direct any further responses to come from the Parks Dept.

Here are my brief responses:

1. On the cover sheet for the designs (A1) it mentions "Asphalt Paving". What is the extent of the paving that will be done? Will some of it be in areas with existing paving or all of it? Would it be possible to get photographs of the area to be paved?

The extent of asphalt paving is to add one handicapped size parking space only, to the left of the existing paved access road shown in the photograph accompanying this email.

2. To make sure I understand, the Handicapped Parking stall will be partially cut out of an existing paved area and then re-filled to make the space?

Location of the new parking space will be as shown on the site plan relative to the existing asphalt access road.

3. Will the staging area for the work be within the existing paved area?

Yes.

4. Where, and how much, trenching will be done for the utilities? Could you provide a figure that shows the locations of any new trenching with their dimensions (width, length, depth) and total amount of earth to be removed.

There are no new utilities for this project.

5. One of the documents you provided mentioned that it is expected that removed earth would be spread out within the area. Do you know where this is likely to be?

Removed earth will be from trenching for the footings of the addition, and will be placed under the new h.c. parking spot.

Could you tell me the timeline for the project and the types of construction equipment that will be used. Will there be any air quality measures, like watering down the area to prevent fugitive dust, utilized? Your timely response is appreciated.

The timeline is up to the Parks Dept. and the contractor. Equipment, means and methods are contractually determined by the contractor, who is not yet selected. As far as dust goes, the area is not near any campers, and the area (if not the entire campground) will be closed during construction.

Hope this helps. If you need further clarification, please contact

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On Jan 4, 2010, at 12:19 PM, Healer, Rain L wrote:

Mr. Stoutenborough,

On December 18, 2009, I sent a couple emails requestings some clarifications an additional information for the Lake Cachuma Mohawk Restroom Remodel Project. Since, I haven't heard from you, I wanted to check in and make sure you received my email. Would you please let me know if you will be able to supply the answers I am looking for and when you might be able to? The answers will help our Cultural Resources specialists complete their Section 106 process. Thank you.

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Subject: Additional questions for Mohawk Campground Remodel

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Subject: Lake Cachuma Mohawk restroom Remodel project

Mr. Stoutenborough,

I am the Bureau of Reclamation NEPA project manager for this project. Laura Myers has forwarded the information that you provided and I have gone through it. I have a couple questions that I was hoping you could clarify for me.

1. On the cover sheet for the designs (A1) it mentions "Asphalt Paving". What is the extent of the paving that will be done? Will some of it be in areas with existing paving or all of it? Would it be possible to get photographs of the area to be paved?
2. To make sure I understand, the Handicapped Parking stall will be partially cut out of an existing paved area and then re-filled to make the space?
3. Will the staging area for the work be within the existing paved area?
4. Where, and how much, trenching will be done for the utilities? Could you provide a figure that shows the locations of any new trenching with their dimensions (width, length, depth) and total amount of earth to be removed.
5. One of the documents you provided mentioned that it is expected that removed earth would be spread out within the area. Do you know where this is likely to be?

Thank you. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Parks

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): 145-160-072; 141-029-054

Case No.: _____

Location: Cachuma Lake Mohawk Camping Area

Project Title: ADA modifications and upgrades to the existing restrooms

Project Description: The project will upgrade the existing restrooms at Mohawk camping area to meet ADA regulations. The project will slightly expand the existing restroom building footprint by 280 sf. to accommodate the new ADA compliant showers previously located in the existing restroom building. The showers are being relocated to provide enough space for the toilets and urinals to meet ADA requirements.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☒ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15301 (c) Class 1, Existing Facilities involving a slight increase in footprint but no expansion of use.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

Project is for the upgrading of existing facilities to meet ADA requirements for accessible restrooms and showers, but involving no expansion of use.



Department/Division Representative

5/23/09

Date

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Richard Corral
Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date File of Counter Clerk